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## Attention

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## Gov. Holcomb extends stay-at-home order until April 21

The stay-at-home order originally extended to April 7. That date was pushed back to April 21.

## Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

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# Jobless claims fall locally, but numbers still high

Wabash County had 287 initial claims last week, down from 512 the previous week

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

According to the most recent initial unemployment insurance claims data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, first-time unemployment claimants in Allen County and Economic Growth Region 3 (Adams, Allen,

DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties) went down last week, according to Rachel E. Blakeman, Community Research Institute director and Department of Public Policy adjunct professor at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Blakeman stated Wabash County had 287 initial unemployment claims for the week ending April 3. That is a decrease from 512 the previous week. In the last

three weeks (weeks ending March 21, 28 and April 3), Wabash County has registered a total of 1,010 initial unemployment claims.

Allen County had 6,848 first-time UI claims for the week ending April 3, compared to 9,950 the week before. EGR 3 had 14,942 last week, compared to 21,234 for the earlier week.

In the three weeks of the COVID-19 crisis (the weeks ending March 21, March 28 and April 3), EGR 3 had 42,279 initial claims, with 20,359 claims coming from Allen County. EGR 3 had

the most UI claims of the 12 EGRs during this timeframe.

"Once again, the manufacturing industry led the region in initial claims with 5,399, compared to 11,655 the previous week. Retail trade was second with 1,296 initial claims," stated Blakeman. "It's a relief to see the numbers go down locally and regionally last week, but the sheer volume of these claims for three weeks remains jarring. I would caution against interpreting this shift as an improvement. It is far too early to

predict how this will play out for the next three to six months."

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Keith A. Gillenwater, Grow Wabash County president and CEO, stated the trend regarding manufacturing has continued, as several large employers have continued to lay off employees and ones which had already done so have yet to call their employees back to work.

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Mayor Scott A. Long stated a former resident offered several pallets of cereal, which were then distributed to the Lighthouse Mission and Wabash City Schools (WCS).

# Former resident donates cereal to local students, charity

Pallets of food delivered to WCS and Lighthouse Mission on Friday

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

In a statement to the Plain Dealer on Friday, Mayor Scott A. Long stated a former resident offered several pallets of cereal, which were then distributed to

the Lighthouse Mission and Wabash City Schools (WCS).

Long stated on the afternoon of April 4, he received an email from a former resident, Jeff Young, who is now president of Home Snack Foods in Noblesville.

Young is a graduate of Wabash High School class of 1984.

Long stated he was reach-

ing out to see if his former hometown could use some Awesome Granola cereal in bags to distribute to the community.

"I immediately contacted him back and told him that we would happily accept the donation for benefit of our community," stated Long.

Long stated he contacted Board members of Lighthouse Mission to see if they

would be able to get this product out to the community, and also WCS food service to see if it could be included in the meals that are being distributed in the community twice a week.

"Both organizations readily agreed to accept the Awesome Granola cereal to get it to those members of the community," he stated.

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Joshua admires the messages and artwork sent to him from the community and beyond. The positive notes continue to pour in, and according to his Aunt Jennie, Joshua loves when the new mail arrives for him.

# Kindness knows no bounds

Unable to leave his home due to the coronavirus epidemic, the community - and country - has rallied around Joshua

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Like many Americans with pre-existing conditions, Joshua is stuck inside during the COVID-19 epidemic, but despite being unable to be around others, his community has rallied around him in other ways.

Joshua, a 36 year-old Huntington man with Cerebral Palsy, loves people and making them laugh. Unfortunately, during the coronavirus outbreak, Aaron and Jennie LaLonde have had to keep him away from others for

fear Joshua might contract the deadly virus.

"He doesn't understand why he can't go bye-bye and visit some of his favorite people," said Joshua's Aunt Jennie. "COVID-19 would be deadly for Joshua if he was to contact it. My husband is a paramedic for Tipton county and so we are doing everything we can to keep Joshua safe and healthy."

Joshua used to have a tracheostomy tube to help him breathe due to complications with his Cerebral Palsy. People diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy are at higher risk for respiratory infections, aspiration and pneumonia, so Aaron and Jennie are taking extra precautions to ensure Joshua remains healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak.

For Joshua, these precautions mean he is currently

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# ISDH announces drive-thru COVID-19 testing

Clinics will be held this week at four locations

## STAFF REPORT

As the number of novel coronavirus cases continues to rise, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is partnering with local health officials in four communities to hold free drive-thru testing clinics for healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers who have symptoms of COVID-19, according to a press release.

Clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday, April 17 at the following locations:

■ CK Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut St., Evansville.

■ Ivy Tech, 3800 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne.

■ St. Timothy Community Church, 1600 W. 25th Ave., Gary.

■ Ivy Tech, 8204 Hwy 311, Sellersburg.

"Participants should bring a driver's license or other State of Indiana-issued identification card and documentation of place of employment. Only symptomatic individuals will be tested. Tests will be conducted as long as supplies last and will be limited to one individual per vehicle," stated the release.

# Treasury launches CARES Act tool for SSI beneficiaries

Enter information instead of waiting for \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment

## STAFF REPORT

The Treasury Department launched a new web tool allowing quick registration for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Economic Impact Payments for eligible individuals who do not normally file a tax return, and also announced that it would begin making automatic payments, according to Andrew Saul, Social Security commissioner.

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KINDNESS

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unable to see some of his favorite people like Tara Dyke, who works at Owen’s Market in Huntington, and her sister Tina Mayotte.

The community of Huntington has rallied around Joshua to make sure he does not feel alone during this time, Jennie says. What initially began as a few friends taping pictures and messages to the window has turned into more than 50 letters, drawings, postcards and gifts in an attempt to cheer Joshua up.

“I had made a post in Joshua’s Facebook group page, ‘Adventures of Joshua’, and my personal page asking his friends if they would tape a message on our bay window that I could read to him to help cheer him up some,” Jennie said.

In a matter of days, the original post had been shared more than 150 times. Jennie receives messages daily with people checking up on Joshua, asking how they can help, and sending words of encouragement.

“Joshua loves to look at all the colorful pictures that the kids have brought,” Jennie said. “I read him every letter, note, and postcard he receives. He gets so excited when I tell him he got another letter.”

Joshua has received mail from people all across the county, from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan all the way down to Orange Beach, Alabama – more than 800 miles from Huntington.

“They are now on the inside of his bedroom window and walls,” Jennie said. “I plan on buying frames for them so he will always have them.”

His aunt says Joshua has brought many people together from all over Indiana. Three years ago Jennie made a post asking her friends if they knew someone with a sidecar on their motorcycle that would be willing to take Joshua on a quick ride. The post was shared over 1,000 times.

“We ended up having 98 bikes show up at our Wal-Mart parking lot to go on Joshua’s first motorcycle ride with him,” Jennie said. “He makes people forget about stereotypes and statues.”

When Joshua does get a cold or similar illness, Jennie says one of the best cures is one most people might not expect.



Photos Provided

The original post on the Adventures of Joshua Facebook page received over 150 shares in a matter of days. “I know I’m asking a lot, but if y’all get out and think about it could you stop by and tape a message on the window for Joshua? He wants to go bye bye so bad and doesn’t understand why he can’t. He misses people.”



Hearts, Toy Story characters and other images adorn the walls and windows of Joshua’s room – adding a splash of color and kindness during a scary time.

“One of the things we do to get him coughing is to get him laughing,” Jennie said. “Literally, when they say laughter is the best medicine – it can be.”

The drawings and messages posted to his walls and windows share encouraging messages including *believe in the magic of kindness; you’re awesome, Joshua; God loves you; and you can go bye-bye soon*, among others.

Jennie says she prays that people remember that like Joshua, everyone is different, but not less.

“Remember this love when

COVID-19 is no more,” Jennie said. “Remember how good it made you feel to help someone you didn’t know. No matter what happens we are Huntington strong.”

Readers interested in sending Joshua a postcard, letter, drawing or similar message to help cheer him up, these items can be mailed to 716 First Street, Huntington, Indiana.

“We want to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has shown Joshua so much love,” Jennie and Aaron said. “We appreciate every single one of you.”

CEREAL

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Long stated the pallets of Awesome Granola Cereal were delivered to the Wabash Street Department just before noon Friday.

Long stated Street Superintendent Scott Richardson and he delivered it to both Wabash High/Middle School and Lighthouse Mission before 1 p.m.

“I cannot thank Home Snack Foods enough for this donation to our community,” he stated.

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Several pallets of cereal were unloaded for distribution to Lighthouse Mission and Wabash City Schools.

CARES

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“However, for some people receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration – specifically those who have dependent children under the age of 17 – it is to their advantage to go to this portal to ensure they also get the \$500 per dependent Economic Impact Payment,” stated Saul. “I encourage them to do this as soon as possible.”

People who receive Social Security retirement, survivors or disability insurance benefits and who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and who have qualifying children under age 17 should now go to the IRS’s webpage at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments) to enter their information instead of waiting for their automatic \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment.

By taking proactive steps to enter information on the IRS website about them and

their qualifying children, they will also receive the \$500 per dependent child payment in addition to their \$1,200 individual payment.

If Social Security beneficiaries in this group do not provide their information to the IRS soon, they will have to wait to receive their \$500 per qualifying child.

The same new guidance also applies to SSI recipients, especially those who have qualifying children under age 17. To receive the full amount of the Economic Impact Payments you and your family are eligible for, go to the IRS’s Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info page at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments) and provide information about yourself and your qualifying children.

Additionally, any new beneficiaries since January 1, 2020, of either Social Security or SSI benefits, who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019, will also need to go to the IRS’s Non-Filers

website to enter their information.

Lastly, for Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability beneficiaries who do not have qualifying children under age 17, you do not need to take any action with the IRS. You will automatically receive your \$1,200 economic impact payment directly from the IRS as long as you received an SSA-1099 for 2019.

“For SSI recipients who do not have qualifying children under age 17, we continue to work closely with Treasury in our efforts to make these payments automatically,” stated Saul. “Please note that we will not consider Economic Impact Payments as income for SSI recipients, and the payments are excluded from resources for 12 months.”

The eligibility requirements and other information about the Economic Impact Payments may be found here: [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center).

5-Day Weather Summary

**Tuesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
45 / 29

**Wednesday**  
Rain & Snow Possible  
44 / 33

**Thursday**  
Rain & Snow Possible  
42 / 34

**Friday**  
Few Snow Showers  
44 / 35

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
53 / 45

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:27 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:08 a.m.

Last  
4/14

New  
4/22

First  
4/30

Full  
5/7

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 45°, humidity of 32%. West wind 8 to 16 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 29°. West southwest wind 2 to 16 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 35% chance of rain and snow, high of 44°, humidity of 49%.

Keep washing your hands!

Hello, dear readers, and welcome to this month’s letters column. In the midst of so much turmoil and uncertainty, we’re more grateful than ever for this chance to communicate with you.

Several of you wrote about the frustration of seeing someone exit a public restroom without washing his or her hands. “I find this upsetting at the best of times, but during the COVID-19 outbreak, I am more concerned than offended. What can be done?” a reader asked. Unfortunately, you can’t force people to practice good hygiene. However, you can take steps to protect yourself from the effects of their bad habits. Push swinging doors open with a shoulder, elbow or knee. Use toilet paper or a paper towel to protect yourself from any surfaces that you have to touch, such as the lock on the stall door, faucets on the sink and the door handle on the way out. Don’t rest personal items, such as a purse, on a public bathroom countertop. Be sure to dispose of the used barrier paper safely in a trash can. And, of course, wash your hands.

On the topic of hand-washing, we received a lot of mail asking about the effectiveness of hand sanitizers. The short answer is that 20 seconds of thorough hand-washing with soap and water is the preferred method of protecting against all types of germs and microbes. However, when this isn’t possible, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer of at least 60 percent concentration is a good alternative. The problems arise when people fail to use a large enough volume of hand sanitizer, or when they wipe the product off of their hands before it has completely dried. The takeaway here is to use the proper-strength products and read and follow the directions.

In that same vein, some of you told us you are confused that hand sanitizers, which are marketed as antibacterial, are being recommended for use during a virus outbreak. The answer is that hand sanitizers do not target a specific microbe; they work by damaging the exterior membranes of a wide range of organisms. This includes bacteria and some viruses. Although not all viruses have an exterior membrane, the coronavirus does, so hand sanitizers are useful at this time. However, as we noted, the proper alcohol concentration is crucial to the work of destroying the membrane, so use the right product and follow the instructions.

Thank you to everyone who has written with kind words. Knowing that these columns are useful means a lot to us. (And to Glenda in Tulsa, who just turned 83, your note about who you want to be “when I

grow up” made us laugh out loud.) We appreciate the time and care you all put into your letters and emails, and we will revisit some topics with your thoughtful suggestions in mind. We look forward to our next batch of mail and to seeing you here again next month. Please take care of yourselves – and stay safe.

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### Wilmer R. Metzger

March 29, 1942 – April 10, 2020

Wilmer Ray Metzger, 78, North Manchester, passed away April 10, 2020. He was born March 29, 1942.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Metzger; son, Wesley (Esther) Metzger; daughter-in-law, Janelle (Nathan) Bowman; eight grandsons, Zachary, Zane, Regan and Rodney Metzger, Zack, Stewart, Reid, and Logan Bowman; brother, Max (Irene)

Metzger.

Calling Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 3-7 p.m. at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 12546 N. State Road 13, North Manchester, Indiana.

A private service and graveside will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

## Backup coronavirus hospital in Memphis worries residents

By **ADRIAN SAINZ**

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Faced with the threat of overburdened hospitals, states across the country are converting convention centers, sports facilities and performance spaces into backup treatment sites for coronavirus patients. Tennessee is no exception.

What some Memphis residents don't get is why in their city, a shopping center in the middle of a predominantly black, low-income residential neighborhood has been singled out.

City and state officials are concerned that an influx of patients from Memphis, as well as nearby Mississippi, Arkansas and rural West Tennessee, will strain hospitals. Their fears are echoed across the country: Governors, mayors and health experts in numerous states are also researching and constructing makeshift medical facilities.

In New York City, they're turning to the Javits Center convention site; in Chicago, the McCormick Place Convention Center, and in Sandy, Utah, the Mountain America Expo Center.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been scouting locations in Tennessee, and officials here have compiled a list of 35 possible backup sites. They haven't released the whole list, but Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said Monday that the multi-story building that housed The Commercial Appeal before the newspaper moved out last year has been selected.

Gov. Bill Lee also has disclosed a few: the Music City Center in Nashville, the Chattanooga Convention Center, the Knoxville Expo Center — all sites away from residential neighborhoods.

The Gateway Shopping Center in the Nutbush neighborhood of Memphis is different. The center features a Save A Lot grocery store, a Rent-A-Center, a Family Dollar, beauty supply shop, Chinese restaurant and other businesses. Locating a treatment center for coronavirus patients there poses two problems, residents say: It could potentially expose them to the virus amid concerns that blacks are contracting COVID-19 at higher rates; and it could force some of the stores they rely on to close.

Nutbush resident and community volunteer Homer Osborne said he understands the need to help coronavirus patients, but he questions why officials chose Gateway.

"There are a lot of poor people in this neighborhood that come here and shop," said Osborne, who was buying food at the center for a home delivery service he's providing during the virus outbreak. "People won't want to come over here. It's just going to kill this area."

He also cited a widespread fear of being unnecessarily exposed to the virus.

"All around, people are scared," he said.

Their fears are not unfounded. In this majority-black city along the Mississippi River and other cities across the nation that have been hard hit by COVID-19, Democratic lawmakers and community leaders have been sounding the alarm over what they see as a disturbing trend of the virus killing African Americans at a higher rate. They also have cited a lack of overall information about the race of victims as the nation's death toll mounts.

Nutbush resident Patricia Harris wondered aloud if city officials were "trying to contaminate" the neighborhood.

Activist Earle Fisher, an African American Memphis pastor, understands the anxiety. Residents in Memphis' predominantly black neighborhoods are already suffering from insufficient COVID-19 testing, a dearth of reliable information about the virus, and inadequate access to masks and other personal protection supplies, he said.

"This is an honest and reasonable concern and skepticism," Fisher said. "I think it's par for the course for black people to be rightfully skeptical of governmental intervention that did not consult with people on the ground first."

Doug McGowen, the city's chief operating officer, said the Gateway site was being considered because it could potentially accommodate hundreds of beds. He said if it were converted to a treatment site, it would hold only mildly ill coronavirus patients who could be quickly transported to a hospital should their conditions worsen.

Memphis officials said the Gateway site was put on the list in response to a request from the state's coronavirus team to identify large, available buildings where an alternate treatment facility could be located. "The task of finding space to shelter hundreds of potential patients is not one of choice but necessity," the officials said in a statement.

For the vast majority of people who have the coronavirus, symptoms clear up in several weeks without requiring hospitalization, but the consequences can be life-threatening for older people and those with existing health problems. For Nutbush residents, their fear of contracting the virus is matched with the worry that they could lose stores that are vital to the neighborhood. Officials haven't said if stores would close if the Gateway facility was opened. If they did, shopping would become more difficult for residents, especially for those who are old or have no means of transportation to stores located farther away.

## Indiana reaches 350 virus deaths

By **TOM DAVIES**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's actions aimed at stemming spread of the coronavirus have pushed back the expected peak of illnesses in the state and given hospitals more time to prepare, the state's health commissioner said Monday.

The COVID-19 death toll for Indiana has reached at least 350 people as health officials on Monday reported seven additional deaths. The latest deaths added to the state's tally occurred between Friday and Sunday but represent a slowdown in fatalities

after Indiana recorded at least 17 daily deaths for 10 straight days through Thursday. Indiana's coronavirus death total since first reported fatality occurred on March 16 is already more than double the some 150 average flu deaths over a seven-month period.

Previous projections had shown Indiana could be seeing a surge of illnesses as early as this week, but that is now expected in late April for the Indianapolis area and the first weeks of May for rest of the state, said Dr. Kristina Box, the state health commissioner. "I really do believe that we have not seen the peak of that surge yet but I do believe

it will be a lot lower, which is the result of all the very strict guidelines and requirements that we've had for social distancing in this state," Box said. The state's largest concentration of COVID-19 deaths has been at a nursing home in Anderson. Twenty-two residents of the Bethany Pointe Health Campus have died, which is down from the 24 deaths reported by officials on Friday, said Dr. Daniel Rusyniak, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's chief medical officer. He didn't give any reasons the discrepancy during Monday's briefing from the governor's office

but the agency later said health officials identified discrepancies in information and verified the lower number of deaths over the weekend.

At least 46 residents of 12 long-term care facilities have died with virus illnesses, according to the state health department.

The health agency also reported Monday that an additional 331 people had confirmed cases of COVID-19, increasing Indiana's total cases to more than 8,200 in all 92 counties. That's up about two-thirds from a week earlier even as testing has been largely limited to those seriously ill and health care workers.

### PULSE

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#### Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

■ BMW: Closed until at least April 21. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [julie@cfwabash.org](mailto:julie@cfwabash.org), or call 260-982-4824.

■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at [www.fssabenefits.in.gov](http://www.fssabenefits.in.gov). DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through at least Saturday, April 11.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory).

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/) and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email [nmpl@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:nmpl@nman.lib.in.us), call 260-982-4773 or visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email [warew@wabash.lib.in.us](mailto:warew@wabash.lib.in.us) or visit [www.wabash.lib.in.us](http://www.wabash.lib.in.us) or [www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary).

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at [covid-19info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:covid-19info@cityofwabash.com). Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email [mayor@cityofwabash.com](mailto:mayor@cityofwabash.com).

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents.

The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-

563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

■ Woman's Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

■ Few dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. "Finding Neverland" has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series "Opus Two," Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

#### Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County. The road closure is scheduled to begin in mid-April but may begin at the end of April due to weather. The five-day closure will allow maintenance crews to complete the replacement of multiple culvert pipes.

Access to homes and businesses will be maintained through the work. The official state detour for the closure will be Indiana 14 to Indiana 15. The work is scheduled to be complete by April 17, weather permitting.

Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

"Dia de Lagro" will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner,

catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit [lagrocanalfoundation.com](http://lagrocanalfoundation.com). Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email [lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com).

#### Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabash-marketplace.org](http://www.wabash-marketplace.org).

#### Mural festival

##### seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater

Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at [www.NEImurfestival.com](http://www.NEImurfestival.com) and are open through the end of May.

#### Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12.

Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing [KiwanianDonnaSiders@donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:KiwanianDonnaSiders@donnasiders@hotmail.com) or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email [keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us](mailto:keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us).

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# Opinion

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The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedeal.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedeal.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

# Republican officials' obstinacy about virus endangers Americans

On the same day that Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak made the painful but prudent decision to prohibit large Easter Sunday gatherings as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19, something very different and disturbing was taking place in Kansas.

There, Republican lawmakers overturned an identical directive the state's Democratic governor, Laura Kelly, had issued Tuesday. As the defiant move was being made, Kansas was recording its highest daily number of new cases yet in the outbreak of the disease. But that didn't matter to the state GOP. In a remark aimed at Kelly, the Senate majority leader grumbled to a reporter, "don't tell us we can't practice our religious freedoms."

Kelly, in a good choice of words, called the action "shockingly irresponsible."

"There are real life consequences to the partisan games Republicans played today," the governor said.

Very true, and not just for Kansans. In a number of states, Republicans are putting Americans at deadly risk to advance their party ideology and grab political control.

Perhaps the most chilling example was Tuesday's Wisconsin primary, which the Republican-controlled state Legislature refused to postpone. Their motive: to rig voting for the state Supreme Court, which occurred in tandem with Democratic primary balloting. The GOP knew turnout would be low, especially in crowded urban areas, which would favor a conservative candidate who was facing stiff competition from a progressive opponent.

So although 10 Wisconsin mayors sent a letter pleading with the state to postpone the election, the Republicans went through with it. Their willingness to sacrifice the health and lives of Wisconsin voters over party politics was appalling.

But that's today's GOP.

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott issued

an order allowing large religious gatherings to be held, before then defaulting to limitations that had previously been imposed by large counties.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis refused to close beaches during spring break and didn't impose a stay-at-home order until April. Church services are exempted. In Idaho, a Republican state representative is actively trying to rally her constituents against that state's stay-at-home order, saying people have "a God-given constitutionally protected right to peacefully assemble."

Thankfully, not all Republicans have gone down the path of disregarding science, minimizing the threat and putting people at risk.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine has been aggressive and responsible; he took bold action early on to delay the primary elections and was the nation's first governor to close schools. As a result, Ohio's outbreak has been relatively modest.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan also has distinguished himself by acting promptly and calling out failings in the federal response when appropriate.

But in far too many places, Americans are being sacrificed by GOP extremists.

Thankfully, Nevada is not one of those places. Here, voters showed the good judgment in recent years to elect moderate leaders from both parties who tend to put the best interests of Nevadans over party dogma. We have our outliers, sure, but the balance of our leadership is reasonable and responsible.

The voters' wisdom is paying off during this pandemic, as Nevadans take appropriate steps to flatten the curve and protect both ourselves and our fellow residents from the disease. The madness of the GOP doesn't rule the day here, and we're all better off for it.

*This editorial was first published in the Las Vegas Sun.*

## LETTERS

### Voting by mail should replace voting at the polls

Voting by mail should replace voting at the polls in its entirety. The two institutions that can be trusted is the county board of elections and the United States Postal Service. The money saved by eliminating the need for poll workers could be used to offer free postage on the envelopes used to vote by mail.

The person voting would also have more time to consider what they are voting for and would not be confined to the hours of the polling place. It would also prevent unwanted entry

to schools and churches from anyone trying to harm someone. Also, the voter would not be harassed by someone trying to place unsolicited campaign literature into their hand. The additional revenue would boost the Postal Service and perhaps keep it afloat until we as a country can vote online.

Voting by mail would solve the registered voter problem and guarantee safe passage of the ballots to the county board of elections.

**Joe Bialek**  
Cleveland, Ohio

# The myth of market chaos

By T. NORMAN VAN COTT

Buyers and sellers have conflicting objectives. Buyers want low prices. How low? As low as possible. Sellers want high prices. How high? As high as possible. Sounds like a recipe for chaos in the marketplace, doesn't it? Lots of Americans think so. The mind-set has pervaded our nation at least since Franklin Roosevelt's 1930s New Deal.

This notion of marketplace chaos is bogus, however. Never mind the fact that many otherwise intelligent Americans have embraced it. Also bogus is the companion notion that reconciliation of buyers and sellers' conflicting objectives is possible only if government economic "czars" prescribe the terms for buyer/seller interaction.

Just because buyers want prices as low as possible doesn't mean they're not willing to pay higher prices. What someone wants to do doesn't indicate what they're willing to do. Take peaches as an example. As long as their price is less than the consumption value people attach to peaches, buyers will benefit from buying them. Similarly for peach producers. Just because they want a price as high as possible doesn't mean they won't be willing to sell as long as the price is greater than alternative selling options.

It follows that as long as there is a range of peach prices simultaneously less than buyers' consumption valuations and greater than sellers' other selling options, mutually beneficial opportunities exist for buyers and sellers to interact in the marketplace. Buyers won't gain because sellers lose, nor will sellers gain because buyers lose. Buyers and sellers simultaneously gain. Chaotic? Hardly.

What if the above range of prices doesn't exist? Simple. Peaches will not exist either. Indeed, absent simultaneity of buyers and sellers gaining, there will be no markets. This doesn't sound chaotic either.

Peach buyers naturally gravitate to lower-cost producers. These producers will be able to – not want to – sell at lower prices. Cost is a yardstick for opportunities given up. Giving up less of other things to get peaches means you can have more of other things.

Peach sellers desiring to sell at higher prices instinctively search for buyers willing to – not wanting to – pay higher prices. These are the buyers who value peaches more highly. Any other assignment of production tasks or consumption benefits lowers peaches' contribution to overall living standards. Chaotic? Not so.

All this occurs as a consequence of buyers and sellers of peaches trying to enhance their own well-being. Market participants, in other words, unintentionally do good for others while intentionally doing well for themselves. Or as Adam Smith put it in his 1759 treatise, "Theory of Moral Sentiments": ". . . he intends only his own gain, and he is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention. Nor is it always the worse for the society that it was not part of it. By pursuing his own interest he frequently promotes that of the society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it."

So what do peach buyers and sellers need to know to participate in the market? Precious little. All any buyer needs to know is the price and his or her maximum willingness to pay. Buyers need not know anything about their counterparts' willingness to pay or personal characteristics. Likewise, buyers need not know personal information about sellers. Nothing chaotic here either.

A peach seller only needs to know the price and his or her minimum acceptable price – that is, their next most lucrative selling opportunity. This means that sellers, like buyers, don't need to know their counterparts' minimum acceptable prices or personal characteristics. Nor do they need to know any details about the buyers with whom they interact. What's chaotic about this? Nothing. Nevertheless, the marketplace assembles all this information about the terms on which buyers and sellers (individually) enter the marketplace. Any buyer or seller knows precious little, but the full panoply of information is operative in the marketplace. Pretty amazing if you ask me. Forces are at work that continually push to get peaches produced at minimum cost and consumed in their higher valued uses.

What would a peach czar need to know in order to match the marketplace? Everything! In order to get peaches produced at minimum cost, the czar would have to know everyone's minimum acceptable price. Similarly, to get peaches to their highest consumption valuations, the czar would have to know everyone's consumption valuations. What's the likelihood of this? Zero.

It makes no difference how many computers the czar has or how high his or her IQ. They will not be able to match a marketplace where individual participants need know almost nothing about those with whom they interact. Anyone who thinks czars can match the marketplace is either profoundly stupid or delusional. Friedrich Hayek labeled them subject to a "fatal conceit." Did he go too easy on them? I think so.

One should expect market conditions to change. Indeed, buyers' consumption valuations can obviously change, either across the economy or in segments of the market. Likewise, sellers' alternative selling options can change. Do these changes breathe some life into the marketplace chaos notion? No. In fact, the result is quite the opposite.

Let's consider a product other than peaches. Chainsaws and generators following a hurricane that sweeps up the Atlantic coast bringing downed trees and electric-power outage for many Americans are a great example. The immediate consequence would be an increase in consumption valuations for chainsaws and generators in the affected areas. The prices of these items will rise in these areas.

These price rises will have two important consequences. First, it increases the cost of selling chainsaws and generators in areas not hit by the hurricane. As a result, sales of these items will fall in the unaffected areas. What happens to these "unsold" chainsaws and generators? They go to the hurricane-struck area to take advantage of the higher prices there. The higher prices also provide an incentive for chainsaw and generator producers to increase production. For whom? Again, residents of the hurricane-struck area.

It follows that the marketplace has a mechanism to assist those suffer-

ing from hurricane damage. That mechanism is the higher prices. They reallocate existing production and increase production. Information requirements for buyers and sellers are unaffected. All they need know is the price and their respective willingnesses to pay and selling alternatives.

Most know, of course, that prices of items like chainsaws and generators are not permitted to rise following hurricanes. Most state and local governments freeze such prices at their pre-hurricane levels. This means that affected residents are denied the marketplace's mechanism for easing their plight. They are left with concerned citizens in the rest of the country and government agencies trying to provide assistance, none of which possess sufficient information about the higher consumption valuations of the items they dispense.

If you want to know a true recipe for a chaotic marketplace, imagine again what would happen if the peach market were administered by a czar. That the czar would have any idea about peaches' lower cost producers and higher valued consumption outlets is ludicrous. Likewise for the czar knowing what price(s) will result in all potential trades being consummated.

Rather than buyers competing among themselves, and sellers competing among themselves, based on price and quality issues, buyers and sellers will be competing for the attention of the czar. In other words, competition shifts from the economic marketplace to the political marketplace.

The "coin of the realm" becomes political "money." What is this latter money? How about campaign contributions to those in power? How about bribing the czars? What about various forms of racial, ethnic and ideological discrimination? Similarly for a policy of rewarding your friends and punishing your enemies? Chaos? You bet. Chaos accompanied, moreover, by a decline in living standards.

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# Mom tires of chauffeuring daughter without a license

**DEAR ABBY:** My 20-year-old daughter refuses to get her driver's license. She took the learner's permit test four times when she was 16, failed it each time and gave up. She goes to college online and has a job at the local store. Next week she is going to be promoted to assistant manager.

Dear Abby



I don't work, but I'm tired of driving her around. We live in a small town that has no public transportation. Every time her father or I mention getting her license, she says, "Don't start" or, "I don't want to talk about it!" She doesn't date, but is very involved in church. She has her own phone, which she pays for, and also pays for gas. She's responsible in every way – she just REFUSES to drive! HELP! – Tired Of Being A Taxi Mom

**DEAR TIRED:** Your 20-year-old daughter is a smart cookie. Unlike you, she doesn't have to worry about car payments, insurance premiums or the cost of parking. As long as you agree to chauffeur her around, she isn't going to provide her own transportation. I suggest you encourage her to get a bicycle. And after four years, it's time for her to take the driver's test again.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married nine years and have two major issues in our marriage:

1. He feels I spend too much money.
  2. I think he spends too much time away from home doing things he wants to do.
- We have fallen into this cycle of him being away from home, so I spend money, which results in him spending more time away from home. Should we have separate bank accounts? Should I make him cancel some of his weekly activities? – Struggling In St. Louis

**DEAR STRUGGLING:** Separate bank accounts might be a good idea, provided you don't use yours to mask the fact that you're spending more than you should. As to "making" your husband cancel some of his weekly activities, I don't think it would work to your benefit. A better solution/investment would be for the two of you to talk this out in the office of a licensed marriage and family counselor, because it appears you're spending as a way to punish your husband for his absence, which is not only not constructive but Destructive. Doing activities outside the home TOGETHER might also be helpful.

**DEAR ABBY:** My former spouse, the father of our adult daughters, recently passed. He will be cremated. Although he did not remarry, I did. Our youngest daughter has made all the burial arrangements.

My ex and I did not communicate much after the divorce. What is my role as mother? Do I send flowers, greet attendees, as if we were still together? We were married almost 30 years. – What Should I Do?

**DEAR WHAT SHOULD I DO:** Your role as the mother is to support your daughters and the rest of the family. If your daughters want you there, be there for them. Greet anyone you know politely and thank them for being there for "the family." If you wish to send flowers, by all means do so. But beyond that, nothing more is required of you.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: MULCH DAILY SPLINT BEWARE

Answer: The dermatologist's record of successfully treating acne problems was — UNBLEMISHED

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

THE HOLE LOVE

Would you like to try our specialty?

I've never had a whole one!

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“My balloon ran out of breath.”

## BEETLE BAILEY

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH GARBAGE FROM TONIGHT'S DINNER?

WE DIDN'T WANT YOU SAVING ANY OF THIS FOR LEFTOVERS.

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SURE...HOW?

NO PROBLEM.

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# The Holy Spirit is inexhaustible

**Q:** My family says that I am not really a Christian because I haven't been filled with the Spirit. When a person accepts Christ does His Spirit come into their life? — S.F.

**A:** To be Spirit-filled according to Scripture is to be controlled or dominated by the Spirit of God's presence and power (Ephesians 5:18).

Society speaks of people being "under the influence" of alcohol. Someone, for instance, who is controlled by alcohol is dominated by alcohol. Its presence and power have overridden normal abilities and actions.

The apostle Paul was using this as an example when he wrote Ephesians 5:18. As believers in Christ we're to be filled with the Spirit, or "under the influence" of God's Spirit. God will not mislead

us as we obediently follow Him. But when other things outside of Christ fill us, these "things" can lead us down paths that don't honor and glorify Him.

It's interesting to note that to "be filled with the Spirit" pictures a continual filling. We're not filled once for all but filled constantly. Christians aren't to be emptied of the Spirit to later become full again; rather to constantly draw on the direction and energy of the Spirit.

Jesus said, "He who believes in Me... out of his heart

will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). He did not speak of drops of blessings but rather rivers of living water. Consider the Mississippi or the Amazon: much may be taken from them, but they do not run dry. The sources from which they come keep sending water down their course. These rivers illustrate the life of the Spirit-filled Christian. The supply's never exhausted because it has its source in the Holy Spirit who is inexhaustible. This is a tremendous blessing and promise of God.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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# Business

## COVID-19-related business resources available

### STAFF REPORT

#### ISBDC offering virtual business consulting sessions

Grow Wabash County will continue to partner with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) to offer free, virtual confidential business consulting. Business advisors Wes Shie and Billie Wunderlich, are here to be that resource for Wabash County businesses. Appointments with Shie and/or Wunderlich may be scheduled through their emails. Shie may be reached at [wshie@isbdc.org](mailto:wshie@isbdc.org) and Wunderlich may be reached at [wunderlich@isbdc.org](mailto:wunderlich@isbdc.org). You may also make arrangements by calling 260-481-0500. After the quarantine has lifted in Indiana, Shie and Wunderlich will host in-person appointments every third Thursday of the month at the Grow Wabash County office, 214 S. Wabash St. Learn more about these free business consultations and other entrepreneurship supports offered

through Grow Wabash County at [growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship](http://growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship). For more information, visit <https://isbdc.org/services/>.

#### T-shirts to benefit small businesses, individuals

Individuals will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive T-shirt online and 100 percent of the proceeds will be used to help struggling small businesses and individuals in Wabash County. Visit Wabash County has partnered with a local company, Spirit Wear, to offer a unisex T-shirt in sizes Small to 4XL to promote the slogan “Better Together.” Four colors will be offered: vintage black, rust, deep teal and fuchsia. The tees are just \$20 each, including tax and shipping. To purchase a “Better Together” Wabash County T-shirt, please visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com) or visit the Visit Wabash County Facebook page. The T-shirts will be shipped

directly to the provided address.

#### Hotline open for businesses, industries with COVID-19 questions

The Critical Industries Hotline will be reachable by calling 877-820-0890 or by emailing [covidresponse@iedc.in.gov](mailto:covidresponse@iedc.in.gov).

#### Grow Wabash County accepting applications for Revolving Loan Fund program

The deadline for initial applications is Wednesday, April 15. More information regarding the terms and requirements for these loans as well as the necessary application and documents may be found here: <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship/revolving-loan-fund/>. Questions regarding Grow Wabash County’s RLF program or the application process may be directed by

email to [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or by calling 260-563-5258.

#### Grow Wabash County launches COVID-19 business impact survey

Grow Wabash County created a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey may be found by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b>.

#### Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

Members of Wabash Marketplace are able to apply for the Business Interruption Loan. There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months. Those interested in the loan program are encouraged to review the loan details on

the homepage of [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org). The next step is to email [info@WabashMarketplace.org](mailto:info@WabashMarketplace.org) or leave a message at 260-563-0975.

#### SBA offers small businesses financial assistance

Small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana. To apply for loans, visit [SBA.gov/Disaster](http://SBA.gov/Disaster) Contact 800-659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov with questions. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

#### Grow Wabash County ready to help businesses, nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofits with questions may email

[info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/).

#### Businesses may register for ‘Curb-Side Pick Up’ for free

Businesses may register for “Curb-Side Pick Up” for free. For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org). For more information, email [andrea@wabashmarketplace.org](mailto:andrea@wabashmarketplace.org) or call 260-563-0975.

#### Wabash Marketplace donations of \$250-plus to be applied to others in need

Any donations of \$250 or more will be applied towards 2020 membership dues for nonprofits and small businesses in need. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/online-payments.html>.

## Should you take Social Security early? For some, the coronavirus changes the math on waiting until you’re 70

There’s a point in your working career when Social Security, and the correct time to begin collecting it, becomes a question at the top of your list of retirement decisions.

### Michelle Singletary



influenced by the coronavirus pandemic.

Conventional advice is to wait until 70 to collect Social Security to maximize your benefits. But many seniors don’t have a choice. They need to begin taking Social Security as soon as it’s available, at 62. Fifty-seven percent of retirees rely on Social Security as their primary source of income, according to a 2018 Gallup poll.

The other 43 percent, those with enough income to get by, can play the long game. Delay Social Security payments until you’re 70, and you get more money every month. And since many people are living longer, the extra money might be needed to pay for health care expenses not covered by Medicare, like long-term care assistance.

If you claim your Social Security early, at 62, rather than waiting until your full retirement age, your monthly benefit drops by as much as 30 percent. However, every year you delay beyond your full retirement age, up to age 70, you get an 8 percent increase in your benefit.

For the last several years, my husband and I have been debating whether to take Social Security early. He thinks early is better because we could use the money to travel more while we are healthier. I want to wait and lock in the most money possible.

My husband did a spreadsheet. It showed that delaying until 70 would net us more Social Security money each year. His math also revealed how long

it would take us to break even: to catch up on all the cash we missed out on by not collecting early, at 62. We would break even around age 79.

Discussing my own family’s finances in 2018, I wrote this: “We’ve invested well enough that, barring some major financial catastrophe and assuming we pay off our mortgage before we retire, we can fund our senior years through savings and pension payments.”

Oh, how quickly circumstances can change.

The catastrophe is here, and its name is COVID-19.

The coronavirus crisis means waiting until 70 to collect Social Security may no longer be the best choice.

The stock market is not just in bear territory: Equities have seen Great Depression-like declines. Running to the safety of a federally insured bank or credit union deposit account, such as a certificate of deposit, may preserve your principal. But with interest rates so low – less than 1 percent – your money won’t keep pace with inflation.

The number of people having to file for unemployment has skyrocketed. The Labor Department said that in the first week of April, 6.6 million people filed for unemployment, bringing total new claims to 17 million in the last four weeks.

Many seniors have held onto full-time or part-time work to allow them to wait longer before taking Social Security. Some of them may now be forced to abandon their plans to wait until 70 – or at least their full retirement age – to collect their maximum retirement benefits. And, given this extraordinary time with an epic pandemic wreaking economic havoc, that’s OK.

“The optimal strategy is not always just getting the most benefit out of Social Security. It has to factor into your overall plan,” said Andrew Westlin, a certified financial planner with online financial adviser Betterment. “Now more than

ever, everybody should be evaluating what their overall situation is with the rest of their assets, and what their spending needs are in retirement.”

Heed Westlin’s advice and determine if you can afford to wait. Do you have other assets you can tap? Can you cut expenses? You don’t want to make a rash decision out of fear. No one knows how long it will take for the economy to recover, but it will improve.

“If you start at 62, you’ll only get 57 percent of what you would have gotten at age 70,” notes Ric Edelman, co-founder of Edelman Financial Engines. “But you might not have that luxury if you are unprepared otherwise. So start your Social Security benefits now, because that could be thousands of dollars a month that you are eligible for.”

There is something Congress could do as it weighs other stimulus measures, Edelman says. If Americans 62 or older are forced to start taking Social Security early for coronavirus-related reasons, Congress could allow them to temporarily receive their benefits and then stop when the coronavirus emergency ends.

“This will make it easier for households headed by someone 62 or older to manage the crisis without creating any long-term adverse economic impact to themselves,” Edelman said.

I think Edelman’s idea is worth exploring. But until there’s another solution don’t risk your financial security clinging to conventional advice that may not apply in your situation.

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## Holcomb announces task force to track COVID-19 spending

### Indiana’s Economic Relief and Recovery Team includes several business leaders

#### STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb today announced a task force to plan, administer and account for federal relief funds the state of Indiana receives from the

CARES Act, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

Indiana’s Economic Relief and Recovery Team will be chaired by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Cris Johnston and Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger.

A committee of business leaders with extensive public service background will advise the chairs:

■ Al Hubbard, former economic policy advisor and director of the National Economic Council for President George W. Bush.

■ Luke Kenley, former Indiana state senator.

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### By DANNY SEO

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